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1. A Soviet armored battalion was observed in the Bajcsi Zsilinszky Barracks, with about 35 tanks under tarpaulins.
2. In the same barracks is an AVH security battalion with armored cars, and a school for political officers of the AVH.
3. The Gabor Aron Barracks on Hungaria körut is occupied by a Hungarian artillery regiment.
4. The current strength of the Hungarian cavalry service is about one regiment. It is organized in four independent sections and an inspectorate. Two of the sections are stationed in Szentes and Komárom. There is a central school of equitation at Táborfalva.
5. During the summer AA troops held long exercises at the capital. The main exercises, twice, lasted as long as four days. [REDACTED] those on the left bank of the Danube, but was told there were also positions on the other bank. The positions occupied by the AA units were dug in, but no concrete installations were observed. The exercises were mainly devoted to the quick occupation of the positions. During the exercises Hungarian planes flew over the city, singly and in formation. Budapest is defended by about 40 heavy and medium AA pieces.
6. Hungarian parachutists in approximately regimental strength are quartered in Törley castle in the Budafok suburb.
7. There is a communications officers' school in the Petöfi Barracks. Women as well as men attend the school.

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